(d) the details of reserve fund as on 30th June, 2005, Corporation-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Impact of strike against price hike

1673. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any nation-wide strike recently of lorries, vans, autos and other vehicles to protest against the recent price hike of petrol and diesel;

(b) the impact of this strike in terms of economic loss for the entire country;

(c) whether the import and export process was affected on the date of strike;

(d) whether there was any law and order problem due to the strike; and

(e) what were the preventive measures taken to avert the strike?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (e) The transport operators under the banner of All India Motor Transport Congress (AIMTC) went on a one day token strike on 28 June 2005 in protest against the recent hike in prices of petrol and diesel. Overall, the strike had no impact on the movement of trucks except in a few States like Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu where inter-State and intra-State movements had been partially affected. No untoward incident involving law and order problem came to the notice of Government during the one day token strike.

Demand and Supply of kerosene

1674. SHRI THENNALAG BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge gap between the demand and supply of Kerosene sold through PDS in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;